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ABSTRACT

This booklet, fifth in a series of six, presents a descriptive statistical profile of the Asian and Pacific Islander Americans based on data from the 1980 U.S. Census. The census identifies more than 20 specific population groups, and growth in terms of numbers and diversity is highlighted. Total population for these groups numbered 3.7 million persons in 1980, compared to 1.5 million in 1970. Increased immigration and natural birth rates and changes in census race definitions account for this increase. Twelve figures and six tables focus on population, education, occupation, income, poverty status, and housing data for the largest Asian groups (Chinese, Filipinos, Japanese, Asian Indians, Koreans, and Vietnamese) and for the largest Pacific Islander groups (Hawaiians, Samoans, and Guamanians). Selected statistical data from these figures and tables are identified, highlighted, and summarized. Two additional tables present selected characteristics for all Asian groups with more than 5,000 U.S. residents and all Pacific Islander groups with over 2,500 U.S. inhabitants. (JHP)

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We, the Asian and Pacific Islander Americans

We, the Asians and Pacific Islanders are as diverse as the lands of our ancestors. Although we have been coming to the United States for more than a century, our numbers and diversity have grown more rapidly in recent years. We numbered more than 3.7 million in 1980, a considerable increase over the 1970 figure of 1.5 million. Our proportion of the total population doubled from 0.8 percent to 1.6 percent during this 10-year period. Immigration was one major factor accounting for this increase as large numbers of us came to the United States from China, India, Korea, the Philippines, and other Asian and Pacific Island areas following the adoption of the Immigration Act of 1965. Also, more than 400,000 Southeast Asian refugees came to America between 1975 and 1980 under the Refugee Resettlement Program.

In addition to immigration and natural increase, part of the growth of our numbers during the 1970's occurred because of changes in the census race definition to include more groups. More than 20 Asian and Pacific Islander population groups were identified in the 1980 census, compared with only five in the 1970 census.

The 1980 census counted 3,466,874 Asians. The largest groups ranked by size were:

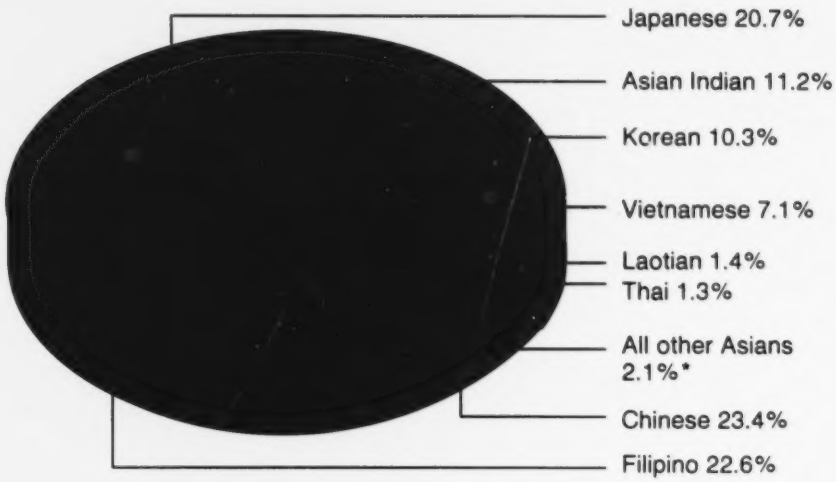
Group	Number
Chinese	812,178
Filipino	781,894
Japanese	716,331
Asian Indian	387,223
Korean	357,393
Vietnamese	245,025
Laotian	47,683
Thai	45,279
Cambodian (Kampuchean)	16,044
Pakistani	15,792
Indonesian	9,618
Hmong	5,204

The census also counted 259,566 Pacific Islanders. This group includes the Pacific Islands cultural groups of Polynesians, who had the largest population, followed by Micronesians and Melanesians. The following are their largest groups:

Group	Number
Polynesian	220,278
Hawaiian	172,346
Samoan	39,520
Tongan	6,226
Micronesian	35,508
Guamanian	30,695
Melanesian	3,311
Fijian	2,834

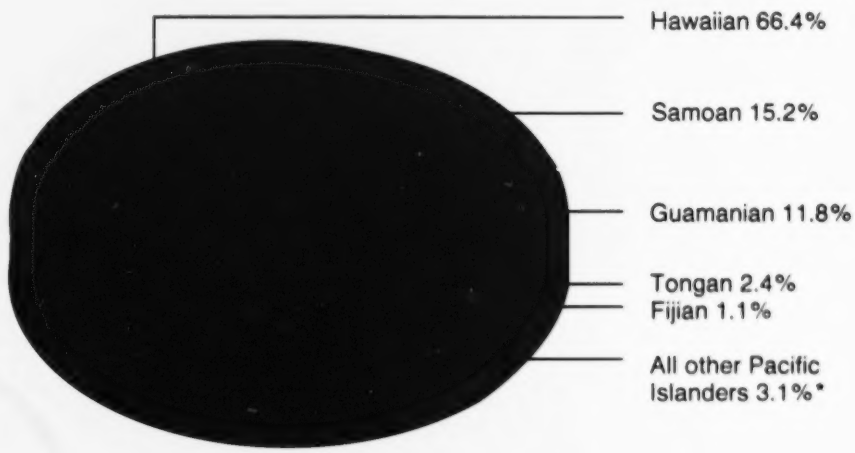
All Asian and Pacific Islander groups are important, making continuing contributions to the diversity of the United States. The tables at the end of this report show selected characteristics for all Asian groups with more than 5,000 persons and all Pacific Islander groups with more than 2,500 persons. The following discussion, however, will focus on only the largest Asian groups, (Chinese, Fillipinos, Japanese, Asian Indians, Koreans, and Vietnamese) and the largest Pacific Islander groups (Hawaiians, Samoans, and Guamanians).

Figure 1. **Distribution of the 3.5 Million Asians in the United States: 1980**



*The "All other Asians" includes groups such as Cambodian (Kampuchean), Pakistani, Indonesian, Hmong, Nepali, Bhutanese and persons reported as "Asian" or "Asiatic."

Figure 2. **Distribution of the 260,000 Pacific Islanders in the United States: 1980**



*The "All other Pacific Islanders" includes groups such as Tahitian, Marshallese, Trukese, and persons reported as "Pacific Islander."

Many Asians and Pacific Islanders are recent immigrants. In 1980, 6 percent of the total U.S. population was born in foreign countries, compared with 59 percent of the Asians and Pacific Islanders. About 62 percent of the Asians were born in foreign countries, whereas relatively few (12 percent) of the Pacific Islanders were foreign born. And of course, Hawaiians are native to this land.

Where We Live

Fifty-eight percent of the Asian and Pacific Islander population lived in the West in 1980, compared with 19 percent of the total population. Among the six largest Asian groups--Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Asian Indian, Korean, and Vietnamese--the heaviest population concentrations were in the West for each group with the exception of the Asian Indian population who resided primarily in the Northeast. About 80 percent of the Japanese population lived in the West, compared with 19 percent of Asian Indians. The overwhelming majority of Pacific Islanders lived in the West.

Approximately 70 percent of Asians and Pacific Islanders lived in just five States -- California, Hawaii, New York, Illinois, and Texas. The Asian population was concentrated in California, New York, and Hawaii but the concentration varied by detailed Asian groups. The overwhelming majority of Pacific Islanders resided in the States of Hawaii and California.

About 90 percent of the Asian and Pacific Islander population lived in urban areas in 1980, about equally divided between central cities and their suburbs. Over 45 percent lived in just five metropolitan areas in 1980--Los Angeles-Long Beach, San Francisco-Oakland, New York, Chicago, and Honolulu.

Figure 3. **Percent Born in Foreign Countries: 1980**

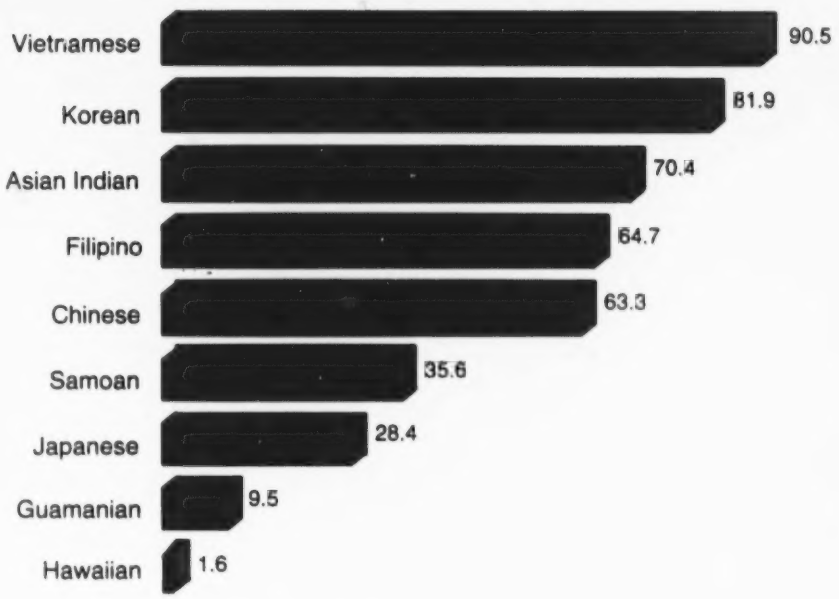


Table 1. **States with Largest Percent of Asian and Pacific Islander Populations: 1980**

	Total	California	Hawaii	New York	Illinois	Texas
Total U.S. population	100.0	10.4	0.4	7.8	5.0	6.3
Asians and Pacific Islanders	100.0	35.2	15.9	8.9	4.6	3.6
Chinese	100.0	40.1	6.9	18.1	3.6	3.3
Filipino	100.0	45.8	16.9	4.6	5.7	2.0
Japanese	100.0	37.5	33.5	3.5	2.6	1.7
Asian Indian	100.0	15.4	0.2	17.5	9.7	6.0
Korean	100.0	28.7	4.9	9.3	6.8	3.9
Vietnamese	100.0	34.8	1.4	2.4	2.6	11.3
Hawaiian	100.0	14.1	68.6	1.1	0.6	1.4
Samoan	100.0	45.8	36.3	0.4	0.2	1.0
Guamanian	100.0	55.4	5.3	3.3	1.2	4.0

We are Young

Asians and Pacific Islanders had a median age of 28.4 years in 1980--that is, half were younger and half older than that figure. The median age was 30.0 for the Nation. Only 6 percent were 65 years and older compared with 11 percent for the total population.

In 1980, Japanese had the oldest median age of 33.5 years, partly because they were among the earliest immigrants. The Vietnamese, with their large proportion of recent immigrants and higher birth rates than most other groups, were the youngest Asians with a median age of 21.5 years. Pacific Islanders also had relatively young populations; Samoans were the youngest, with a median age of 19.2 years.

Fifty-one percent of the U.S. population was female as of the 1980 census. Among Asians, Koreans had the highest percentage of females at 58 percent and Vietnamese the lowest at 48 percent. For Pacific Islanders, Hawaiians had the highest percent of females at 51 percent while Guamanians and Samoans had 49 percent each.

Figure 4. **Number of Asian and Pacific Islander Persons by State: 1980**

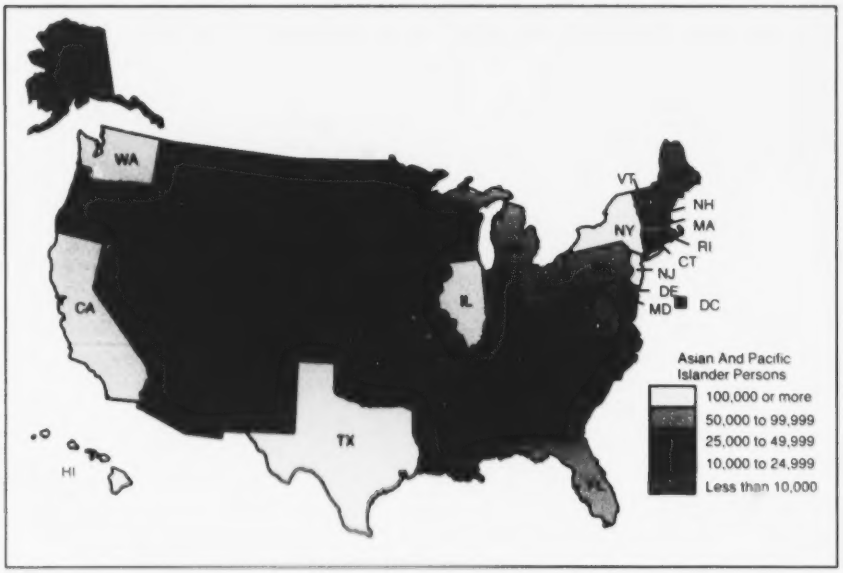
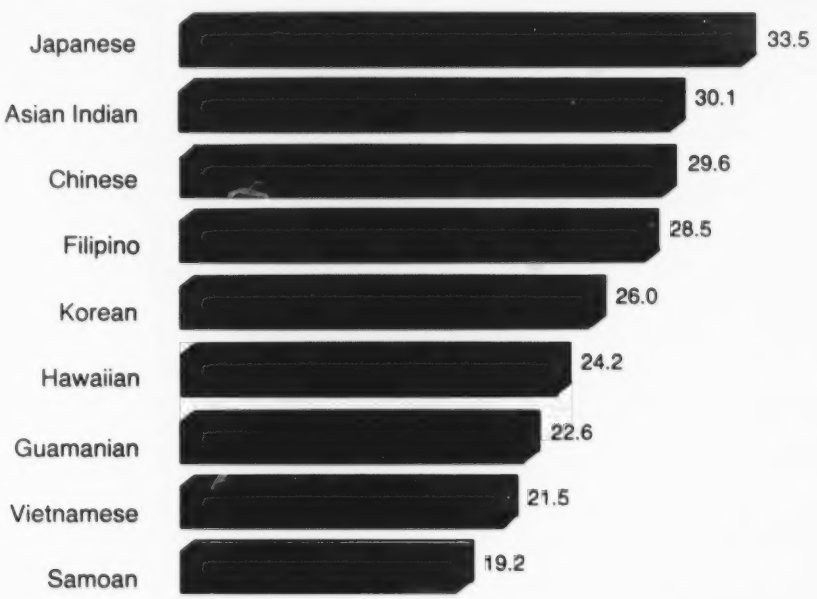


Figure 5. **Median Age: 1980**



Our Families are Larger

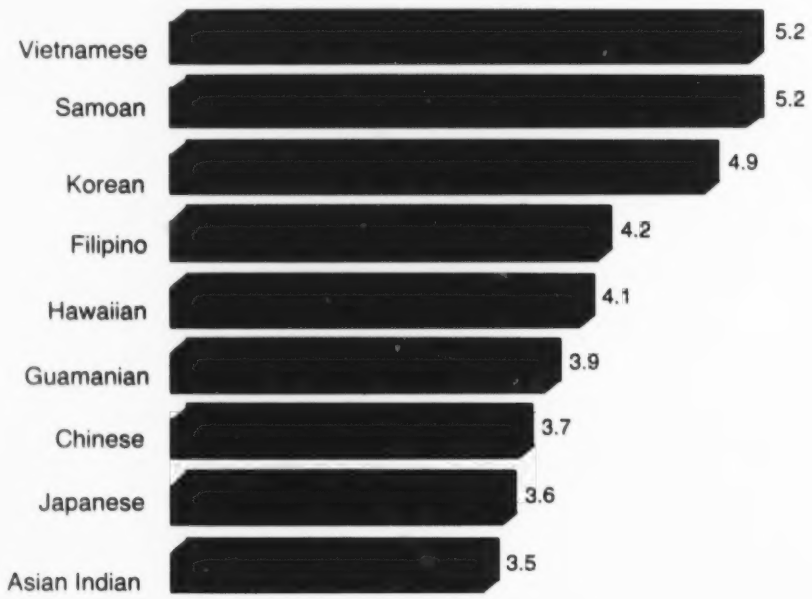
The average family size for Asian and Pacific Islander families was 3.8 persons. This was larger than the average U.S. family at 3.3 persons. Asian and Pacific Islander families were larger partly because a higher percentage of their children under age 18 lived with both parents, compared with the general population--85 percent versus 77 percent. Also, more elders were part of Asian and Pacific Islander family households. For example, among Asians and Pacific Islanders aged 60 and over, 79 percent lived in families, compared with 69 percent nationally.

The proportion of Asian and Pacific Islander families maintained by a husband and wife was 84 percent, about the same as the national figure of 83 percent. Among Asians, the proportion varied from 91 percent of Asian Indian families to 73 percent for Vietnamese families. For Pacific Islanders, the range was from 80 percent for Guamanians and 78 percent for Samoans to 73 percent for Hawaiians.

Table 2. **Percent of the Population by Selected Characteristics: 1980**

	Females	65 years and over	Married-couple families	Under 18, living with both parents
Total U.S. population	51	11	83	77
Asians and Pacific Islanders	52	6	84	85
Chinese	49	7	87	88
Filipino	52	7	84	85
Japanese	54	7	84	87
Asian Indian	50	8	91	93
Korean	58	2	86	89
Vietnamese	48	2	73	74
Hawaiian	51	6	73	69
Samoan	49	2	78	69
Guamanian	49	2	80	75

Figure 6. **Persons Per Family: 1980**



Education: A High Priority

Education is highly valued in Asian and Pacific Islander communities. In 1980, 75 percent of all Asians and Pacific Islanders aged 25 years and over were at least high school graduates; the national rate was 66 percent. Among Asian groups, the proportions who completed high school varied from 82 percent for Japanese to 62 percent for Vietnamese. Among Pacific Islanders, the range was from 68 percent for Hawaiians and Guamanians to 61 percent for Samoans.

Seventy-nine percent of Asian and Pacific Islander men were high school graduates, compared with 71 percent of women. All groups except Filipinos had larger proportions of their men than their women graduating from high school.

In addition, 33 percent of Asians and Pacific Islanders were college graduates, compared with 16 percent of the total population. About half of Asian Indians had completed college in contrast to only 13 percent of Vietnamese. Pacific Islanders, however, had much lower proportions completing college, ranging from 10 percent for Hawaiians to 8 percent for Guamanians and 7 percent for Samoans.

Figure 7. **Percent High School Graduates for Persons 25 Years and Over: 1980**

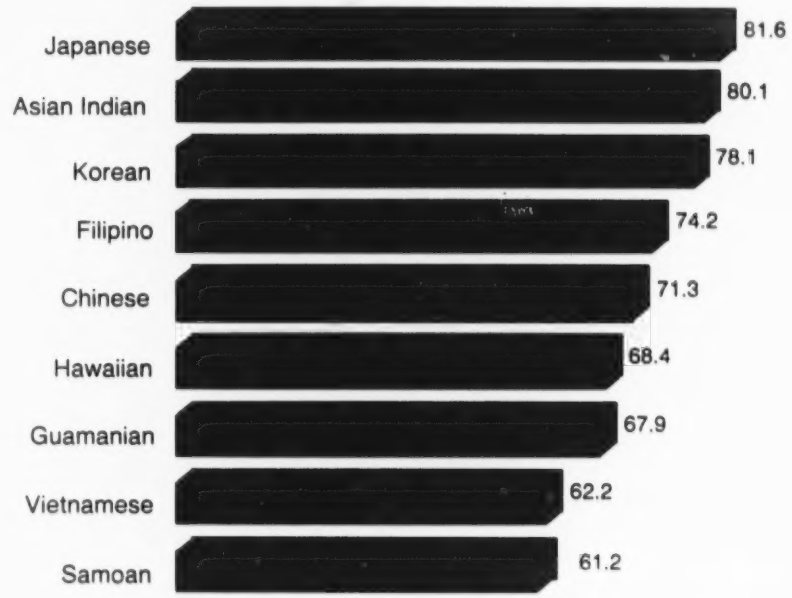


Table 3. **Percent High School and College Graduates Aged 25 and Over by Sex: 1980**

	High School		College	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Total U.S. population	67	66	20	13
Asians and Pacific Islanders	79	71	40	27
Chinese	75	67	44	30
Filipino	73	75	32	41
Japanese	84	80	35	20
Asian Indian	89	72	68	36
Korean	90	71	52	22
Vietnamese	71	54	18	8
Hawaiian	70	67	11	8
Samoan	66	57	10	5
Guamanian	71	65	9	7

The Jobs We Have

The 1980 census showed that Asians and Pacific Islanders participated in the labor force in larger proportions than the total population, 67 percent as compared with 62 percent. Only Vietnamese and Samoans were below the national average.

Fifty-eight percent of Asian and Pacific Islander women were in the labor force, compared with about half of all women in the United States. More than 2 out of 3 Filipino women were in the labor force, the highest of any of the groups.

Asians and Pacific Islanders were more likely to be in a managerial and professional specialty and service occupations than the total population, but less likely to be in precision production or operators, fabricators, and laborers.

Figure 8. **Percent in Labor Force: 1980**

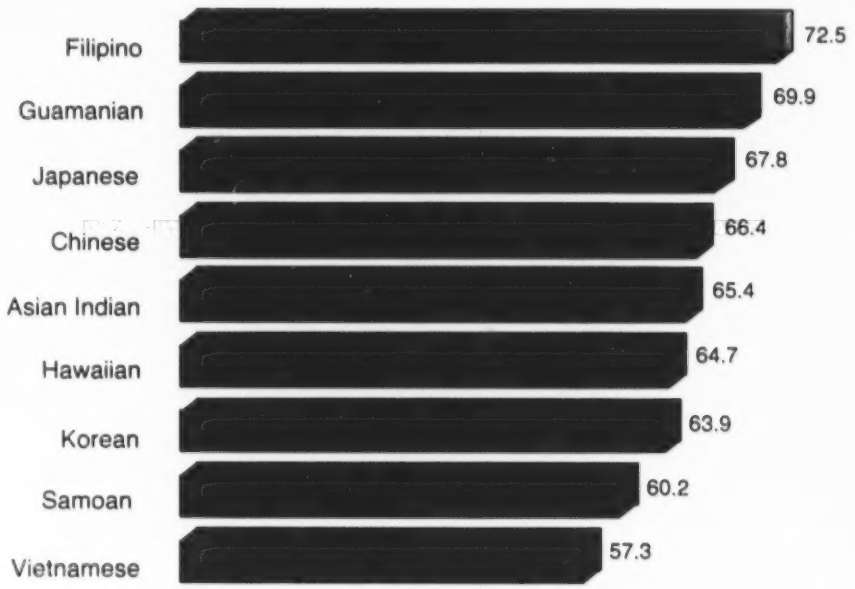


Table 4. **Percent Employed by Occupation Group: 1980**

Occupation	Asians and Pacific Islanders	Total Population
Total	100	100
Managerial and professional specialty	29	23
Executive, administrative, and managerial	11	10
Professional speciality	18	12
Technical, sales, and administrative support	31	30
Technicians and related support	6	3
Sales	8	10
Administrative support, including clerical	17	17
Service	16	13
Private household	1	1
Protective service	1	2
Other service	14	11
Farming, forestry, and fishing	2	3
Precision production, craft, and repair	8	13
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	14	18
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	9	9
Transportation and material moving	2	4
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	3	4

We're in Business

According to the 1982 Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises, Asians and Pacific Islanders owned more than 200,000 firms or about 2 percent of the 12 million U.S. firms (excluding large corporations). The largest number of these firms were owned by Chinese (52,839), Japanese (49,039), and Koreans (31,769).

Gross receipts for Asian and Pacific Islander firms totaled $16 billion or about 2 percent of receipts for all firms. Businesses owned by Chinese accounted for over a third of all gross receipts from Asian and Pacific Islander firms ($6 billion), while those owned by Japanese and Koreans totaled $3 billion each.

The vast majority of Asian and Pacific Islander companies were concentrated in service and retail trade industries, such as health and personal services, eating and drinking places, and food stores.

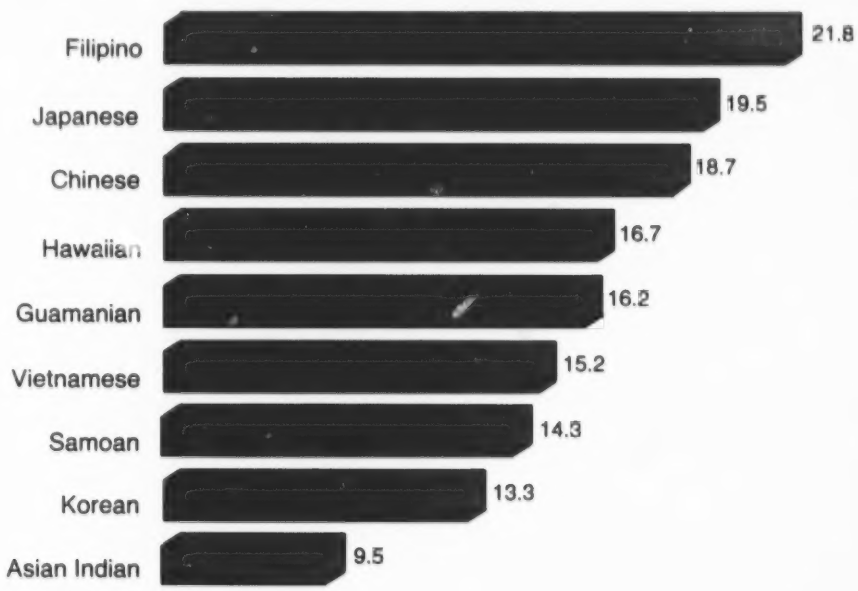
Ninety-two percent of the companies owned by Asians and Pacific Islanders were operated as individual proprietorships, while 6 percent were partnerships, and 2 percent were corporations. The comparable proportions for all businesses were 84 percent, 11 percent, and 5 percent, respectively.

Table 5. **Businesses Owned and Gross Receipts: 1982**

	Businesses		Gross Receipts	
	Number	Percent	Dollars (In millions)	Percent
Asians and Pacific Islanders	204,211	100	$15,731	100
Chinese	52,839	26	$6,075	39
Japanese	49,039	24	$2,731	17
Korean	31,769	16	$2,677	17
Filipino	26,464	13	$747	5
Asian Indian	25,539	13	$1,661	11
Other Asian	8,977	4	$1,105	7
Vietnamese	5,234	3	$215	1
Hawaiian	3,305	2	$86	1
Other Pacific Islander	1,045	1	$434	3

Note: Percent distribution may not add to total because of rounding.

Figure 9. **Percent of Families with 3 or More Workers: 1980**



Our Income and Poverty Status

In 1979, the Asian and Pacific Islander median family money income was $22,700 as compared with the national median of $19,900. Family incomes were affected by educational attainment and by the proportion of family members in the work force. The proportion of Asian and Pacific Islander families with three or more workers was 17 percent, which was higher than that for the Nation as a whole at 13 percent.

There were differences in family money income among Asian and Pacific Islander groups. Japanese had the highest median family income at $27,400; Vietnamese, the most recent Asian immigrants, were the lowest at $12,800. Among Pacific Islanders, median family incomes ranged from $19,200 for Hawaiians to $14,200 for Samoans.

As was the case nationally, Asian and Pacific Islander families maintained by women without husbands present had a lower median income at $12,100 than married-couple families at $24,500.

About 500,000 or 13 percent of Asian and Pacific Islander persons were in poverty in 1979, a rate slightly higher than the 12 percent for the entire United States. Among Asians, the rate ranged from 35 percent for Vietnamese to 7 percent for Japanese and Filipinos. Among Pacific Islanders, the poverty rate ranged from 29 percent for Samoans to 16 percent for Hawaiians and 14 percent for Guamanians. The federally defined poverty level does not include any noncash benefits such as housing, food, and medical assistance.

Figure 10. **Median Family Money Income in 1979**

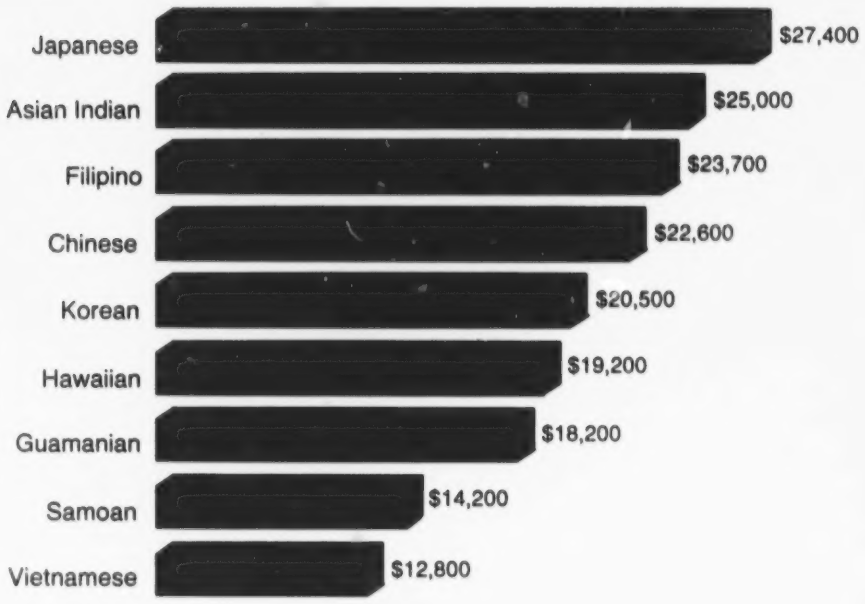
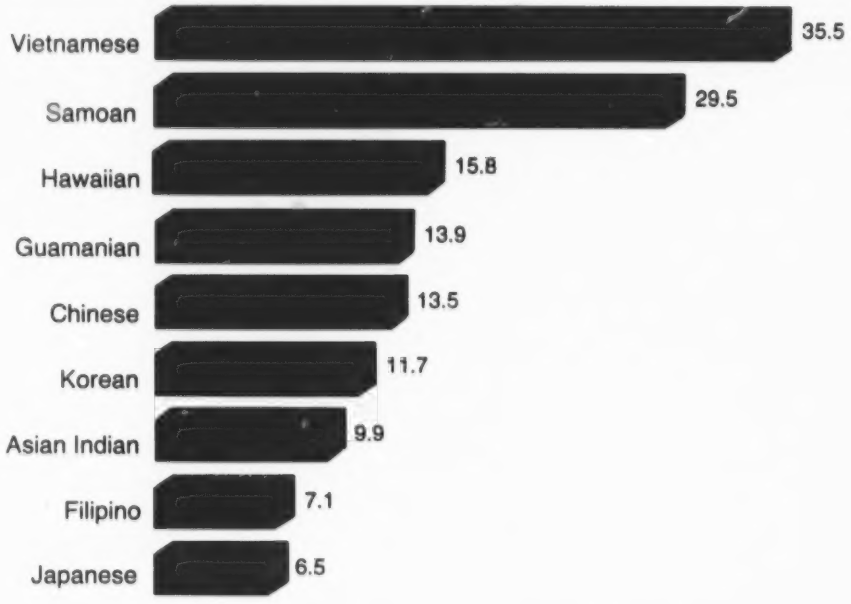


Figure 11. **Poverty Rates of Persons in 1979**



Eleven percent or 90,000 Asian and Pacific Islander families were in poverty in 1979. Twenty-six percent of families in poverty were maintained by women without husbands present; 86 percent of these families had related children under age 18.

HOMEOWNERSHIP

Asians and Pacific Islanders lagged behind the total population in homeownership in 1980; just over half (52 percent) owned or were buying their homes. Sixty-four percent of the U.S. total population either owned their homes or were paying off a mortgage on one.

Asian and Pacific Islander homeowners had residences with a much higher median value at $83,900 than did all U.S. homeowners at $47,200. Asians and Pacific Islanders were concentrated in the West and in urban areas where homes were more expensive. For example, the median value of all owner-occupied housing was $84,500 in California and $118,100 in Hawaii. The comparable Asian and Pacific Islander figures for these two States were $94,200 and $112,900, respectively.

A PROFILE OF OUR GROUPS

This narrative has presented a statistical profile of the largest Asian and the largest Pacific Islander groups in the United States. The following tables show data from the 1980 census on selected social and economic characteristics for specific Asian groups with more than 5,000 persons and all Pacific Islander groups with more than 2,500 persons.

Figure 12. **Percent of Owner - Occupied Units: 1980**

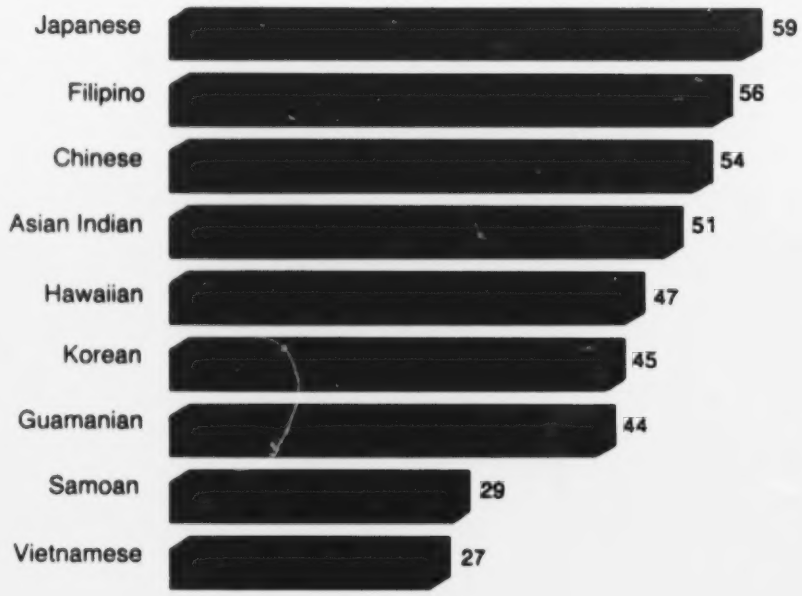


Table 6. Median Value of Homes: 1980

	Value
Total U.S households	$47,200
Asian and Pacific Islander households	$83,900
Chinese	$89,600
Filipino	$79,400
Japanese	$93,100
Asian Indian	$74,300
Korean	$86,100
Vietnamese	$56,800
Hawaiian	$79,200
Samoan	$72,900
Guamanian	$71,100

Table 7. Selected Social and Economic Characteristics for the Asian Population: 1980

(Data are estimates based on a sample)

Characteristics	Total United States	Total Asian and Pacific Islander	Total Asian	Asian Indian	Cambodian (Kampuchean)	Chinese	Filipino	Hmong	Indonesian	Japanese	Korean	Laotian	Pakistani	Thai	Vietnamese
Total persons	226,545,805	3,726,440	3,466,874	387,223	16,044	812,178	781,894	5,204	9,618	716,331	357,393	47,683	15,792	45,279	245,025
REGION															
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Northeast	21.7	16.1	17.1	34.2	14.3	26.8	9.9	6.8	19.6	6.5	19.1	9.8	32.7	15.9	9.0
Midwest	26.0	11.7	12.3	23.1	14.1	9.2	10.4	53.4	11.3	6.5	18.1	28.0	21.2	18.6	13.4
South	33.3	13.8	14.2	23.4	16.0	11.3	11.0	2.4	12.8	6.6	19.9	16.5	22.6	22.5	31.4
West	19.1	58.5	56.4	19.2	55.6	52.7	68.8	37.4	56.2	80.3	42.9	45.7	23.5	43.0	46.2
AGE AND SEX															
Percent under 5 years old	7.2	8.6	8.4	11.1	12.0	7.1	9.0	17.4	7.4	5.2	10.6	17.6	12.6	10.1	10.0
Percent 18 years old and over	71.8	69.8	70.4	69.9	58.7	74.1	67.9	45.4	75.9	79.1	63.2	47.5	69.1	69.9	58.2
Percent 65 years old and over	11.3	5.9	6.1	8.0	1.2	6.9	7.2	1.3	1.9	7.3	2.4	1.0	0.5	0.4	1.9
Median age	30.0	28.4	28.8	29.6	22.4	29.8	28.4	16.3	27.2	33.5	25.9	16.9	26.8	27.1	21.5
Males per 100 females	94.5	93.5	93.2	99.8	117.4	102.4	93.2	109.5	124.1	84.8	72.3	112.7	165.8	66.1	108.5
TYPE OF FAMILY															
Families	59,190,133	818,029	765,244	97,596	3,033	191,640	167,513	862	2,274	167,795	67,457	8,432	4,003	7,455	42,261
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Married-couple families	82.8	84.4	85.1	91.0	84.3	86.8	83.6	86.0	84.8	84.1	86.0	86.0	90.0	77.3	72.8
Female householder, no husband present	13.9	10.8	10.2	5.7	7.6	8.5	11.8	10.0	8.7	11.9	10.8	7.7	2.3	16.6	14.8
Male householder, no wife present	3.4	4.8	4.7	3.4	8.2	4.7	4.6	4.1	6.5	4.0	3.2	6.3	7.7	6.1	12.4
Persons per family	3.27	3.98	3.96	3.45	4.62	3.65	4.20	5.82	3.29	3.59	4.88	5.36	3.33	5.09	5.16
NATIVITY, CITIZENSHIP, AND LANGUAGE															
Percent foreign born	6.2	58.6	62.1	70.4	93.9	63.3	64.7	90.5	83.4	28.4	81.9	93.7	85.1	82.1	90.5
Persons 15 years old and over	175,307,629	2,781,599	2,602,823	282,417	10,450	640,563	569,903	2,775	7,740	597,787	241,962	25,794	11,325	33,080	159,676
Percent citizen	96.6	57.6	55.2	39.6	6.2	58.9	57.5	13.7	34.7	81.2	39.4	6.8	22.2	18.0	12.2
Percent of persons 5 years old and over who speak a language other than English at home	11.0	66.8	69.6	68.9	95.2	80.6	67.4	94.6	76.7	44.1	79.5	96.6	90.5	82.8	93.0

Table 7. Selected Social and Economic Characteristics for the Asian Population: 1980—Continued

(Data are estimates based on a sample)

Characteristics	Total United States	Total Asian and Pacific Islander	Total Asian	Asian Indian	Cambodian (Kampuchean)	Chinese	Filipino	Hmong	Indonesian	Japanese	Korean	Laotian	Pakistani	Thai	Vietnamese
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT															
Persons 25 years old and over	132,835,687	2,137,023	2,018,205	238,684	7,110	494,918	445,912	1,532	5,328	473,206	185,433	15,792	8,907	26,302	102,735
Percent high school graduates	66.5	74.8	75.3	80.1	42.6	71.3	74.2	22.3	89.8	81.6	78.1	31.4	87.0	72.4	62.2
Percent 4 or more years of college	16.2	32.9	34.3	51.9	7.7	36.6	37.0	2.9	33.3	26.4	33.7	5.6	58.4	32.3	12.9
Males 25 years old and over	62,416,454	992,569	935,857	118,819	4,208	246,847	206,408	753	3,031	204,598	71,381	8,374	5,993	9,014	49,749
Percent high school graduates	67.3	78.8	79.3	88.8	49.9	75.2	73.1	27.8	93.7	84.2	90.0	38.0	92.7	93.7	71.3
Percent 4 or more years of college	20.1	39.8	41.5	68.5	10.8	43.8	32.2	3.1	42.2	35.2	52.4	8.1	65.8	50.4	18.2
Females 25 years old and over	70,419,233	1,144,454	1,082,348	119,865	2,902	248,071	239,504	779	2,297	268,608	114,052	7,418	2,914	17,288	52,986
Percent high school graduates	65.8	71.4	71.8	71.5	32.0	67.4	75.1	17.1	84.8	79.5	70.6	23.9	75.3	61.3	53.6
Percent 4 or more years of college	12.8	27.0	28.1	35.5	3.2	29.5	41.2	2.7	21.5	19.7	22.0	2.8	43.1	22.9	7.9
LABOR FORCE STATUS															
Persons 16 years old and over	171,214,258	2,721,747	2,549,043	278,359	10,057	627,760	556,380	2,611	7,607	588,105	236,653	24,765	11,191	32,659	153,970
Labor force	106,084,668	1,812,572	1,700,776	182,137	5,112	416,586	403,628	855	4,614	398,816	151,262	9,852	7,763	21,234	88,189
Percent in labor force	62.0	66.6	66.7	65.4	50.8	66.4	72.5	32.7	60.7	67.8	63.9	39.8	69.4	65.0	57.3
Civilian labor force	104,449,817	1,772,876	1,667,385	181,434	5,085	414,768	379,853	855	4,553	394,511	149,202	9,852	7,722	21,052	87,951
Percent unemployed	6.5	4.7	4.6	5.8	10.6	3.6	4.8	20.0	6.1	3.0	5.7	15.3	5.7	5.5	8.2
Female, 16 years old and over	89,482,168	1,434,717	1,346,283	139,653	4,415	313,034	295,722	1,268	3,285	325,238	143,884	11,593	3,835	20,947	74,880
Labor force	44,668,465	828,368	780,808	65,786	1,669	182,610	201,277	301	1,655	190,416	79,397	3,082	1,435	12,302	36,593
Percent in labor force	49.9	57.7	58.0	47.1	37.8	58.3	68.1	23.7	50.4	58.5	55.2	26.6	37.4	58.7	48.9
Civilian labor force	44,523,329	825,596	778,493	65,715	1,669	182,308	200,366	301	1,655	189,878	79,057	3,082	1,435	12,232	36,536
Percent unemployed	6.5	5.2	5.1	9.2	10.2	4.1	4.6	18.3	5.7	3.3	6.9	15.3	13.4	7.5	8.2
OCCUPATION															
Employed persons 16 years old and over	97,639,355	1,689,070	1,591,252	170,855	4,548	399,964	361,469	684	4,274	382,534	140,748	8,348	7,285	19,893	80,715
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Managerial and professional speciality	22.7	28.8	29.7	48.5	10.8	32.6	25.1	9.4	24.2	28.5	24.9	7.6	45.2	23.4	13.4
Technical, sales, and administrative support	30.3	30.8	31.0	28.0	21.5	30.1	33.3	13.0	30.1	34.2	27.4	11.3	26.5	23.3	26.7
Service	12.9	15.6	15.3	7.8	17.9	18.6	16.5	22.5	19.2	12.8	16.5	21.9	10.7	24.8	15.3
Farming, forestry, and fishing	2.9	2.1	2.1	0.9	2.7	0.5	2.8	2.6	0.7	4.4	0.9	3.8	1.2	0.4	0.9
Precision production, craft, and repair	12.9	8.4	8.2	5.2	14.2	5.6	8.3	14.3	10.1	10.0	9.9	14.6	5.4	9.1	14.5
Operators, fabricators and laborers	18.3	14.2	13.9	9.6	33.0	12.7	14.0	38.2	15.7	10.1	20.4	40.7	10.9	19.0	29.3

Table 7. Selected Social and Economic Characteristics for the Asian Population: 1980—Continued

(Data are estimates based on a sample)

Characteristics	Total United States	Total Asian and Pacific Islander	Total Asian	Asian Indian	Cambodian (Kampuchean)	Chinese	Filipino	Hmong	Indonesian	Japanese	Korean	Laotian	Pakistani	Thai	Vietnamese
CLASS OF WORKER															
Employed persons 16 years old and over	97,639,355	1,689,070	1,591,252	170,855	4,548	399,964	361,469	684	4,274	382,534	140,748	8,348	7,285	19,893	80,715
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Private wage and salary workers	75.6	76.2	76.3	77.6	87.4	75.9	79.1	87.4	77.4	70.8	76.2	85.1	78.4	84.2	85.9
Federal government workers	3.9	5.0	4.8	2.8	2.4	4.4	7.0	2.2	7.9	5.3	3.1	3.7	2.8	3.5	2.0
State government workers	4.6	6.4	6.3	7.9	2.7	6.3	4.5	4.1	3.9	9.0	3.9	4.3	7.1	3.8	4.2
Local government workers	8.7	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.1	6.5	5.4	4.8	6.4	3.3	5.0	5.4	2.8	5.2
Self-employed workers	6.8	6.1	6.3	5.7	2.0	7.2	2.7	0.9	5.7	7.9	11.9	1.6	5.9	5.1	2.3
Unpaid family workers	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.2	1.0	0.2	–	0.4	0.6	1.6	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4
WORKERS IN FAMILY IN 1979															
Families	59,190,133	818,029	765,244	97,596	3,033	191,640	167,513	862	2,274	167,795	67,457	8,432	4,003	7,455	42,261
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No workers	12.8	7.8	7.7	6.2	32.1	7.1	5.4	45.0	9.9	5.9	6.1	47.0	4.6	7.5	21.4
1 worker	33.0	29.2	29.0	35.6	25.5	27.5	23.3	33.6	35.0	30.6	33.7	26.7	45.9	30.9	27.5
2 workers	41.7	45.7	46.0	48.7	32.3	46.8	49.6	14.0	39.4	44.0	46.9	19.9	39.7	52.0	35.9
3 or more workers	12.5	17.3	17.3	9.5	10.1	18.7	21.8	7.3	15.6	19.5	13.3	6.4	9.8	9.6	15.2
INCOME IN 1979															
Median family (dollars)	19,917	22,713	23,095	24,993	8,712	22,559	23,687	5,000	20,516	27,354	20,459	5,159	20,877	19,349	12,840
Median household (dollars)	16,841	19,966	20,231	20,598	9,306	19,561	21,926	4,977	17,168	22,517	18,145	5,277	19,223	16,120	12,549
Median income of persons with income:															
Persons 15 years old and over (dollars)	8,089	8,808	8,902	10,319	5,217	8,133	9,406	4,688	8,812	10,287	7,977	4,151	11,895	7,862	5,886
Male, 15 years and over (dollars)	12,192	11,718	11,834	15,799	6,167	10,797	10,749	4,948	11,156	15,026	11,970	4,607	13,639	10,993	7,262
Female, 15 years and over (dollars)	5,263	6,685	6,780	6,073	4,508	6,064	8,253	4,257	6,140	7,410	6,077	3,649	4,960	6,435	4,694
Per capita (dollars)	7,298	7,037	7,173	8,667	2,807	7,476	6,915	1,562	7,129	9,068	5,544	1,550	8,023	5,605	3,382
INCOME IN 1979 BELOW POVERTY LEVEL															
Families in poverty	5,670,215	87,339	78,860	7,188	1,421	20,160	10,425	565	346	7,103	8,805	5,663	421	996	14,834
Percent	9.6	10.7	10.3	7.4	46.9	10.5	6.2	65.5	15.2	4.2	13.1	67.2	10.5	13.4	35.1
Persons 15 years and over in poverty	27,392,580	334,343	306,039	29,339	5,043	82,420	38,175	1,741	1,487	38,463	29,543	16,750	1,478	4,573	52,474
Percent	12.4	12.3	12.1	10.6	48.7	13.3	6.9	62.8	20.1	6.6	12.5	65.9	13.4	14.2	33.5

NOTE: Data columns, "Total Asian and Pacific Islander" and "Total Asian," include groups not shown separately. Percents may not add to total.
– Represents or rounds to zero.

Table 8. Selected Social and Economic Characteristics for the Pacific Islander Population: 1980

(Data are estimates based on a sample)

Characteristics	Total United States	Total Asian and Pacific Islander	Total Pacific Islander	Polynesian				Micronesian		Melanesian
				Total	Hawaiian	Samoan	Tongan	Total	Guamanian	
Total persons	226,545,805	3,726,440	259,566	220,278	172,346	39,520	6,226	35,508	30,695	3,311
REGION										
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Northeast	21.7	16.1	2.9	2.3	2.5	1.3	0.7	6.5	6.4	4.1
Midwest	26.0	11.7	3.5	3.0	3.2	2.5	0.3	7.1	5.9	3.5
South	33.3	13.8	7.4	6.1	6.6	4.5	1.1	15.5	15.5	5.0
West	19.1	58.5	86.2	88.7	87.7	91.7	97.9	70.9	72.2	87.4
AGE AND SEX										
Percent under 5 years old	7.2	8.6	10.8	10.9	10.0	14.1	16.3	9.5	9.1	13.0
Percent 18 years old and over	71.8	69.8	61.8	61.3	63.7	52.5	51.1	64.8	64.3	64.6
Percent 65 years old and over	11.3	5.9	4.4	4.8	5.6	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.4	1.3
Median age	30.0	28.4	23.1	23.2	24.3	19.2	18.9	22.8	23.0	23.1
Males per 100 females	94.5	93.5	98.0	96.8	95.0	103.4	113.7	104.7	102.5	115.4
TYPE OF FAMILY										
Families	59,190,133	818,029	52,785	44,690	36,153	6,963	1,236	7,281	6,543	720
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Married-couple families	82.8	84.4	75.4	74.6	73.2	78.0	94.8	78.9	79.6	89.4
Female householder, no husband present	13.9	10.8	19.4	20.3	21.3	18.2	3.7	14.9	14.7	6.8
Male householder, no wife present	3.4	4.8	5.2	5.1	5.5	3.8	1.5	6.2	5.8	3.8
Persons per family	3.27	3.98	4.25	4.29	4.10	5.16	4.78	3.99	3.94	4.29
NATIVITY, CITIZENSHIP, AND LANGUAGE										
Percent foreign born	6.2	58.6	11.8	10.3	1.6	35.6	74.7	14.1	9.5	80.9
Persons 15 years old and over	175,307,629	2,781,599	178,776	150,821	122,101	23,785	3,595	25,302	21,771	2,348
Percent citizen	96.6	57.6	92.4	94.2	99.2	80.4	33.7	88.2	93.2	30.8
Percent of persons 5 years old and over who speak a language other than English at home	11.0	66.8	28.8	23.9	9.9	76.8	87.5	53.5	49.7	85.7

Table 8. Selected Social and Economic Characteristics for the Pacific Islander Population: 1980—Continued

(Data are estimates based on a sample)

Characteristics	Total United States	Total Asian and Pacific Islander	Total Pacific Islander	Polynesian				Micronesian		Melanesian
				Total	Hawaiian	Samoan	Tongan	Total	Guamanian	
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT										
Persons 25 years old and over	132,835,687	2,137,023	118,818	101,754	83,381	14,907	2,521	15,362	13,610	1,491
Percent high school graduates	66.5	74.8	67.2	67.3	68.4	61.2	66.1	68.3	67.9	47.4
Percent 4 or more years of college	16.2	32.9	9.3	9.3	9.6	7.3	12.9	9.1	8.2	10.8
Males 25 years old and over	62,416,454	992,569	56,712	48,218	38,917	7,514	1,427	7,603	6,704	785
Percent high school graduates	67.3	78.8	69.4	69.3	70.0	65.7	67.7	72.0	71.2	51.6
Percent 4 or more years of college	20.1	39.8	11.2	11.3	11.5	9.8	13.1	10.4	8.9	15.5
Females 25 years old and over	70,419,233	1,144,454	62,106	53,536	44,464	7,393	1,094	7,759	6,906	706
Percent high school graduates	65.8	71.4	65.2	65.6	67.0	56.6	64.0	64.6	64.7	42.8
Percent 4 or more years of college	12.8	27.0	7.6	7.6	7.9	4.8	12.6	7.7	7.5	5.5
LABOR FORCE STATUS										
Persons 16 years old and over	171,214,258	2,721,747	172,704	145,485	117,965	22,739	3,475	24,650	21,203	2,289
Labor force	106,084,668	1,812,572	111,796	93,380	76,344	13,700	2,476	16,702	14,816	1,490
Percent in labor force	62.0	66.6	64.7	64.2	64.7	60.2	71.3	67.8	69.9	65.1
Civilian labor force	104,449,817	1,772,876	105,491	89,139	73,531	12,292	2,468	14,658	12,845	1,470
Percent unemployed	6.5	4.7	7.3	7.4	7.0	9.7	7.6	7.1	6.8	4.1
Female, 16 years old and over	89,482,168	1,434,717	88,434	75,293	61,775	11,189	1,570	11,919	10,424	1,068
Labor force	44,668,465	828,368	47,560	40,225	33,723	5,216	847	6,640	6,058	577
Percent in labor force	49.9	57.7	53.8	53.4	54.6	46.6	53.9	55.7	58.1	54.0
Civilian labor force	44,523,329	825,596	47,103	39,883	33,446	5,151	847	6,525	5,949	577
Percent unemployed	6.5	5.2	7.0	7.1	6.7	10.3	4.3	7.0	7.0	2.3
OCCUPATION										
Employed persons 16 years old and over	97,639,355	1,689,070	97,818	82,562	68,399	11,098	2,281	13,623	11,966	1,409
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Managerial and professional speciality	22.7	28.8	15.6	15.9	16.6	12.4	10.7	13.6	13.6	12.8
Technical, sales, and administrative support	30.3	30.8	28.4	27.7	28.3	26.4	19.2	33.1	34.5	19.6
Service	12.9	15.6	21.4	21.5	21.7	19.8	25.9	20.0	18.3	29.2
Farming, forestry, and fishing	2.9	2.1	3.0	3.2	3.3	1.8	6.8	1.9	1.5	3.6
Precision production, craft, and repair	12.9	8.4	11.9	11.7	11.6	12.5	12.1	13.3	13.8	11.9
Operators, fabricators and laborers	18.3	14.2	19.7	19.9	18.5	27.1	25.3	18.1	18.4	22.9

Table 8. Selected Social and Economic Characteristics for the Pacific Islander Population: 1980—Continued

(Data are estimates based on a sample)

Characteristics	Total United States	Total Asian and Pacific Islander	Total Pacific Islander	Polynesian				Micronesian		Melanesian
				Total	Hawaiian	Samoan	Tongan	Total	Guamanian	
CLASS OF WORKER										
Employed persons 16 years old and over	97,639,355	1,689,070	97,818	82,562	68,399	11,098	2,281	13,623	11,966	1,409
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Private wage and salary workers	75.6	76.2	74.5	74.8	73.9	78.3	83.5	71.1	71.7	84.7
Federal government workers	3.9	5.0	7.7	6.6	6.7	7.7	1.8	15.1	16.5	2.2
State government workers	4.6	6.4	7.3	7.8	8.6	4.2	1.6	4.8	3.1	4.5
Local government workers	8.7	5.7	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.7	6.0	6.6	6.4	5.0
Self-employed workers	6.8	6.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	1.9	6.8	2.3	2.3	3.6
Unpaid family workers	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	-	-	-
WORKERS IN FAMILY IN 1979										
Families	59,190,133	818,029	52,785	44,690	36,153	6,963	1,236	7,281	6,543	720
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No workers	12.8	7.8	10.4	11.1	10.8	14.4	2.5	7.0	6.9	5.7
1 worker	33.0	29.2	31.9	31.8	31.4	34.2	25.9	33.3	32.7	29.2
2 workers	41.7	45.7	41.2	40.8	41.1	37.1	52.1	43.9	44.2	41.4
3 or more workers	12.5	17.3	16.4	16.4	16.7	14.3	19.5	15.9	16.2	23.8
INCOME IN 1979										
Median family (dollars)	19,917	22,713	17,984	18,148	19,196	14,242	16,717	17,400	18,218	16,325
Median household (dollars)	16,841	19,966	16,109	16,136	16,593	13,848	16,250	15,960	16,894	15,604
Median income of persons with income:										
Persons 15 years old and over (dollars)	8,089	8,808	7,565	7,551	7,711	6,907	7,233	7,641	8,159	7,383
Male, 15 years and over (dollars)	12,192	11,718	10,225	10,398	10,912	8,674	8,901	9,567	10,279	8,407
Female, 15 years and over (dollars)	5,263	6,685	5,526	5,487	5,549	5,133	5,115	5,775	6,163	5,976
Per capita (dollars)	7,298	7,037	5,220	5,239	5,691	3,573	3,671	5,178	5,533	4,449
INCOME IN 1979 BELOW POVERTY LEVEL										
Families in poverty	5,670,215	87,339	8,479	7,423	5,174	1,917	223	954	761	83
Percent	9.6	10.7	16.1	16.6	14.3	27.5	18.0	13.1	11.6	11.5
Persons 15 years and over in poverty	27,392,580	334,343	28,304	23,733	17,059	5,751	622	4,081	2,836	435
Percent	12.4	12.3	16.4	16.3	14.4	25.5	17.5	17.3	13.9	18.9

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